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AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 25-9-301, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO REVISE THE DEFINITION OF THE TERM "DISABLED VETERAN" AS USED FOR VETERANS PREFERENCE IN STATE EMPLOYMENT; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI:

SECTION 1. Section 25-9-301, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

- 25-9-301. The following terms shall have the meaning ascribed herein unless the context shall require otherwise:
- (a) "Veteran" means a person who served in the active

 Armed Forces of the United States for a period of ninety (90) days

 during a period of war or armed conflict and was granted an

 honorable discharge therefrom; or was discharged therefrom for a

 service-connected injury in less than ninety (90) days.
- (b) "Disabled veteran" means a veteran who the Veterans

 Administration has certified to have a service-connected

 disability rating of at least thirty percent (30%) within the last

ninety (90) days, or a veteran who was awarded the Purple Heart for wounds received in combat.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2019.

PASSED BY THE SENATE

February 11,72019

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

PASSED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

March 12, 2019

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